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Sir:

This letter is in response to an Office action dated 28 January 2003, wherein restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is required.

The Office action contends the claims presently under consideration in the application are directed to the following patentably distinct species of the invention that can be identified by groupings of certain figures:

Figures 1-3	Figures 4A-4B	Figure 5	Figure 6
Figure 7	Figure 8	Figure 9	Figure 10
Figure 11	Figure 12	Figure 13	Figure 14
Figures 15A-15B	Figure 16	Figure 17	Figure 18

Applicants hereby elect the claims directed to the species identified by Figures 1-3 for prosecution at present. Applicants believe that claims 1-25 and 89-91 are exemplified in Figures 1-3 and elect these claims for prosecution. Pursuant to 37 C.F. R. §§ 1.141 & 1.142, Applicants election of these claims for prosecution is made without waiving the right to consideration or reinstatement of the non-elected claims directed to the remaining species at a later time.

Applicants request substantive examination of the elected claims in due course.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of February 2003.

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